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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was previously filed on December 16, 2003, Applicant hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner the following documents, which were cited in a U.S. Office Action with respect to patent family member U.S. Patent Application No. 10/657,173 (which was itself cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 16, 2003):

- (1) U.S Patent No. 5,602,599;
- (2) U.S Patent No. 6,738,169; and
- (3) U.S Patent No. 6,137,914.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

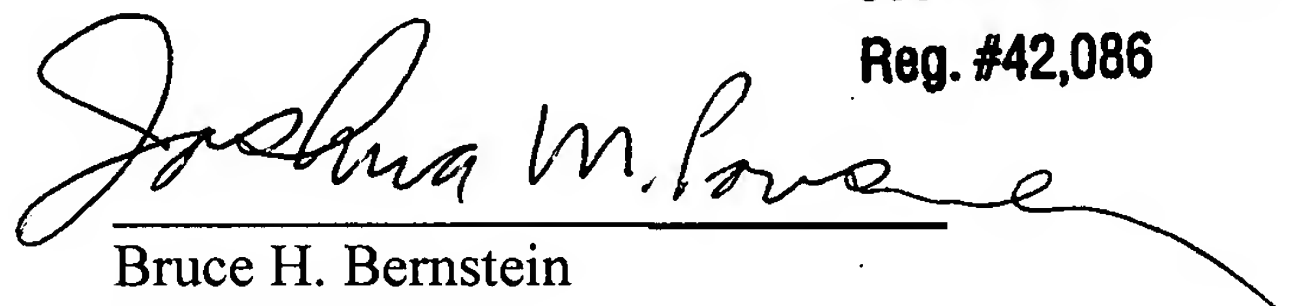
Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. The above-noted documents are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		5 6 0 2 5 9 9	02/11/97	GREGGAIN			
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		6 1 3 7 9 1 4	10/24/00	LIGTENBERG et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES	NO

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